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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Frederick J. MURPHY**

Serial No.: 09/877,238

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTERFACING A PLURALITY OF  
DEVICES TO A COMPUTER  
NETWORK



Atty. Docket No.: 001223.00015

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: TBA

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

BOX MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed July 9, 2001, for which the period for response is extended to December 9, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration/Power of Attorney to complete the filing of the instant application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully request a 3 month extension of time, up to and including December 9, 2001, to respond to the outstanding action in the above-reference application.

**FEES**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees, as calculated below, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Application Filing Fee	740
Excess Independent Claims over 3	
Excess Dependent Claims over 20	504
Extension of Time Fee	920
Late Filing Surcharge	130
SUBTOTAL	2294

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: December 10, 2001

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Thomas L. Peterson, Registration No. 30,969
Signature	
Date	December 10, 2001

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 2294**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

- 1.
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required
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- Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

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Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$ 740)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	48	-20 **	=	28	X	18	=	504
Independent Claims		-3 **	=	0	X	84	=	0
Multiple Dependent					X		=	0

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$) 504

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	920
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b> (\$) 1050					

**SUBMITTED BY****Complete (if applicable)**

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CONFIRMATION NO. 8640

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$504.
  - \$504 for 28 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1344.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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02 FD:105	130.00 CH
03 FD:103	504.00 CH

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